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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1808-MC-FFS-D

**DATE:** June 30, 2017

**TO:** All Iowa Medicaid Providers

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), Dental (D)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Retroactive Medicaid Coverage

**EFFECTIVE:** October 1, 2017

The state fiscal year (SFY) 2018/19 Human Services appropriations bill (House File 653), included a number of legislatively mandated cost-containment initiatives. One such initiative was to eliminate retroactive benefits for all Iowa Medicaid eligibility groups currently eligible to receive up to three months of retroactive coverage.

Medicaid applications that are received by DHS on or before September 30, 2017, will still be eligible for retroactive Medicaid benefits, if all other eligibility factors are met. The effective date of coverage for Medicaid remains unchanged and begins on the first of the month in which the application is received.

The elimination of retroactive coverage does NOT impact presumptive eligibility, annual renewals/reviews, or the 90-day reconsideration period.

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa Medicaid Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, Monday- Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).